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Amendment A

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Examiner Monique T. Cole

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 9 of this paper.